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Sheriff's Deputy Pleads No Contest to Rape, Bribery

A 29-year-old Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy pleaded no contest today to rape and bribery charges for a pair of incidents four years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jose Rigoberto Sanchez entered his plea to one count each of rape under color of authority and soliciting a bribe before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Maral Inejikian.

Sanchez was ordered to return to Department 31 in the Foltz Criminal Justice Center on April 4 when he will be sentenced to eight years and eight months in prison. He also must register as a sex offender.

Deputy District Attorney Rosa Alarcon of the Justice System Integrity Division said Sanchez was on duty Sept. 22, 2010 when he pulled over a 24-year-old female driver who had an outstanding warrant.

Sanchez offered not to arrest the woman if she had sex with him. He then drove away with the victim into the desert where he raped her, the prosecutor said.

Two nights later, he pulled over a 36-year-old woman for investigation of DUI and solicited a bribe in the form of sexual activity.

The case was investigated by the Sheriff's Department's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau.

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